



Sustainable Arlington

An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Agenda

Date: Wednesday January 19, 2022

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Register in advance: [here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Review “ground rules” for online meetings
5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public.

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- Introductions
- Native American Land acknowledgement: <https://native-land.ca/>
- Broadway Corridor Design Competition proposed, Lenard Diggins.
- Open Mic: sustainability, environment and climate issues in Arlington

- Local volunteer opportunity: Water Quality Monitor Training with Mystic River Watershed Association, training Sat. Feb. 12, no experience necessary, <https://mysticriver.org/>
- Arlington Community Education proposals by Jan. 31 for Spring catalog. Ideas:
 - a. Supporting Electrify Arlington- Next steps? How can we get involved?
 - b. Acting on Climate Change at the personal and local level.
 - c. Sustainable Yards: Best management practices (native plants; less mowing; to rake or not to rake? what are the options?)
 - d. Other ideas?
- MCAN updates (Net Zero Stretch Building Code; toxic PFAS)
- [Clean Heat for Arlington](#): needs volunteers to help gather website resources for the Electrify Arlington campaign. To volunteer, please email: cleanheatforarlingtonma@gmail.com
- February 2 deadline for MA legislation to be reported out of committee.
- Planning Department Updates
 - a. Arlington has a new Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent, David Morgan, and will be introducing the new Sustainability Director soon.
 - b. Marisa Lau is the new Senior Planner and Envision Arlington liaison
- Approve minutes for [December](#)
- Learn & Do
 - a. Heat Pumps 101, Wed. Jan. 19, 7 pm, Green Energy Consumers Alliance, Register: <https://www.greenenergyconsumers.org/event/heatpumps101>
 - b. Sustainable Middlesex Carbon Countdown event planned for March. Topic: "Reaching Beyond the Choir."
 - c. Latest MWRA report on CSOs uses estimates rather than actual data, and reports vastly lower storm water overflows (contaminated by sewage) than shown by the actual event reports. <https://savethealewifebrook.org/> Sign the [Petition to close the Save the Alewife Brook CSOs](#)
- Adjourn

Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 16, 2022, 7:30-9 pm [Register here](#)

Resources:

- Save the Alewife Brook, <https://savethealewifebrook.org/>
- The Future of Heat bill, S.2148/H.3298 *An Act Relative to the Future of Heat in the Commonwealth*, fact sheet: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/194HB9UroJG94NPBeDr2XpzxX6CxNURtr/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110442179466765451315&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- 100% Clean Energy Bill: An Act transitioning Massachusetts to clean electricity, heating and transportation. Rep. Sean Garballey and Rep. Marjorie C. Decker <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3288>.
- Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030. Details and public comments: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-clean-energy-and-climate-plan-for-2025-and-2030#feedback-and-resources->
- Hydrogen - dirty, dangerous and unhealthy for heating, and nearly all is made from fossil fuels. <https://www.gasleaksallies.org/hydrogen-rng>

- [Remembrance of Climate Futures](#). Arlington's 2021 AHS student intern public art project was the latest in a multi-year series around New England designed by [Northeastern University Professor Tom Starr](#) with local organization by Rachel Oliveri, APS

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